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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

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Honorable Sir:

This is a reply to the Final Office Action dated October 19, 2005 regarding the above-identified patent application. This Amendment is the submittal for a Request for Continued Examination filed this same day.

The **Current Status of the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.